



**STATE OF VERMONT
Department of Education
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The State Board of Education shall sustain a vision of high skills, creative thinking, and love of knowledge and learning for every student by setting education policy that ensures student achievement in a safe and healthy learning environment.

**Vermont State Board of Education
Special Meeting
November 20, 2008
Via Conference Call**

Approved Special Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2008

PRESENT: Tom James, Chair; Ruth Stokes, Vice-chair; Kathy Larsen; Chris Robbins; Brian Vachon; Susan Schill; Tess Savage

Department of Education: Susan Hayes, Doug Dows, Janet Harwood, Jill Remick, Pat Pallas Gray, Cindy Lee, Ken Remsen, Jim McCobb, Peter Thoms, Carol King (via phone)

Others: Sarah Hinckley, Lisa Rathke

Chair Tom James called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m., noting that the purpose of this call was to formally vote on the new commissioner of education.

Motion: At 2:05 p.m., Stokes moved, Schill seconded, that the State Board of Education appoint Armando Vilaseca as the commissioner of education for the state of Vermont, and authorize the chair to negotiate compensation and a start date (January 19, 2009). The motion passed 6-2 (Vachon; Larsen).

Motion: At 2:10 p.m., Robbins moved, seconded by Schill, to adjourn the November 20 special meeting of the Board of Education. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol King
State Board Administrator